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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Roger Sullivan Murphy of Holiday Shores, who passed away on December 30, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Sullivan Murphy was born July 3, 1939, in Olney, to Dr. Raymond and Lois Murphy; he married Donna Maria Zielinski on March 24, 1965, in Carbondale; and

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WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Culver Military Academy, he attended the University of Pennsylvania, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and served in the Peace Corps in Micronesia for two years after his graduation; upon returning to the states, he graduated in 1972 from St. Louis University School of Law; and

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WHEREAS, He served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Louis County until entering private practice in Belleville, later moving his office to Edwardsville; an active community volunteer, he served for many years on the board of directors of the Holishor Association, including one term as its president, in addition to working with community committees; he served on the board of directors of Treehouse Wildlife Center in addition to supporting a variety of other charitable causes; and

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1 WHEREAS, He liked to travel, golf, sports car races, and,
2 until recently, the Rams; in his final months, he was adamant
3 that his obituary acknowledge that he "was a lifelong liberal
4 Democrat and proud of it"; and

5 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank
6 and Fred Roberson; and

7 WHEREAS, Roger Murphy is survived by his wife, Donna; his
8 two sons, Brennan Murphy and Eric Murphy; his three sisters,
9 Karen (Don) Stremme, Lois (Charles) Ferguson, and Joyce (Brad)
10 Binder; his two brothers, Bob Murphy and Raymond (Georgine)
11 Murphy; his sister-in-law Karen (Jerry) McCann, their children
12 and grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Jay Zielinski and his
13 daughter, Casey; his special friends, Ken and Sharon Dulle; and
14 others too numerous to mention; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Roger Sullivan Murphy;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Roger Sullivan Murphy as a symbol of
21 our sincere sympathy.